

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4453

To improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Kansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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areas.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Access to Rural Physi-
5 cians Improvement Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF FOREIGN COUNTRY RESIDENCE RE-**
7 **QUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO INTER-**
8 **NATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES.**

9 (a) EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 220(c) of the Immi-
11 gration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of

1 1994 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) (as amended by section
2 11018 of Public Law 107–273) is amended by strik-
3 ing “and before June 1, 2004.” and inserting “and
4 before the date that is 1 year after the date of the
5 enactment of the Access to Rural Physicians Im-
6 provement Act of 2004.”.

7 (2) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
9 subparagraph (B), the amendment made by
10 paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date of
11 the enactment of this Act.

12 (B) SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATE.—With re-
13 spect only to aliens admitted to the United
14 States under section 101(a)(15)(J) of the Im-
15 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
16 1101(a)(15)(J)), or acquiring status under such
17 section after admission, during the period be-
18 ginning on June 1, 2004, and ending on the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the amend-
20 ment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect
21 as if this Act were enacted on May 31, 2004.

22 (b) EXEMPTION FROM H1B NUMERICAL LIMITA-
23 TIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(l)(2)(A) of the
25 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.

1 1184(1)(2)(A) is amended by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “The numerical limitations contained in subsection
4 (g)(1)(A) shall not apply to any alien whose status is
5 changed under the preceding sentence, if the alien ob-
6 tained a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence require-
7 ment upon a request by an interested State agency.”.

8 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
9 by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if this Act were
10 enacted on September 30, 2003.

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